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President's Letter



Dear Members

In the last issue of our magazine we gave a lot of space to the new Light & Sound sets which were to have been in the shops this Christmas.

Unfortunately, we have to tell you that the launch of these sets has had to be put back until July 1986, because we found that there were technical problems with the microchip built into the special components.

These problems have now been solved but the delay has meant that it was impossible to build-up stocks to meet the expected demand this year.

We hope you will not be too disappointed but are sure you will agree that we could not possibly release sets which were less than 100% satisfactory.

There are, of course, no less than 75 other LEGOLAND sets of which 26 are new this year, not to mention 6 new Train Sets as well. So you still have lots of interesting new models to choose from.

Mentioning the new Train Sets reminds me to tell you to look out for the new TV commercial for LEGO Trains. Perhaps you have already seen it on TV am? (or RTE in Ireland). It will continue to be shown until November 16th.

We think it is one of the most stunning TV commercials we have ever made—perhaps even one of the best for any toy!

I wonder if you will agree?

Here's wishing you all a very Happy Christmas

Clive Nicholls
Club President

Behind the scenes of the new LEGO Trains Commercial . . .

Many of you will have heard of, or seen, the film, "Morons from Outer Space", starring Gryff Rhys Jones and Mel Smith. Well, most of the amazing special effects in that film were due to the skill of Director, David Speed. David was also responsible for some of the unusual happenings in the James Bond movies, so we thought he'd be just the right person to work on our new Train commercial.

It starts off with a LEGO train running along the track, but with only the wheels and base of the train. Suddenly, LEGO bricks come flying through the air like a flock of birds, and land on the train base, gradually building up the seats, putting in people and finally completing the train.

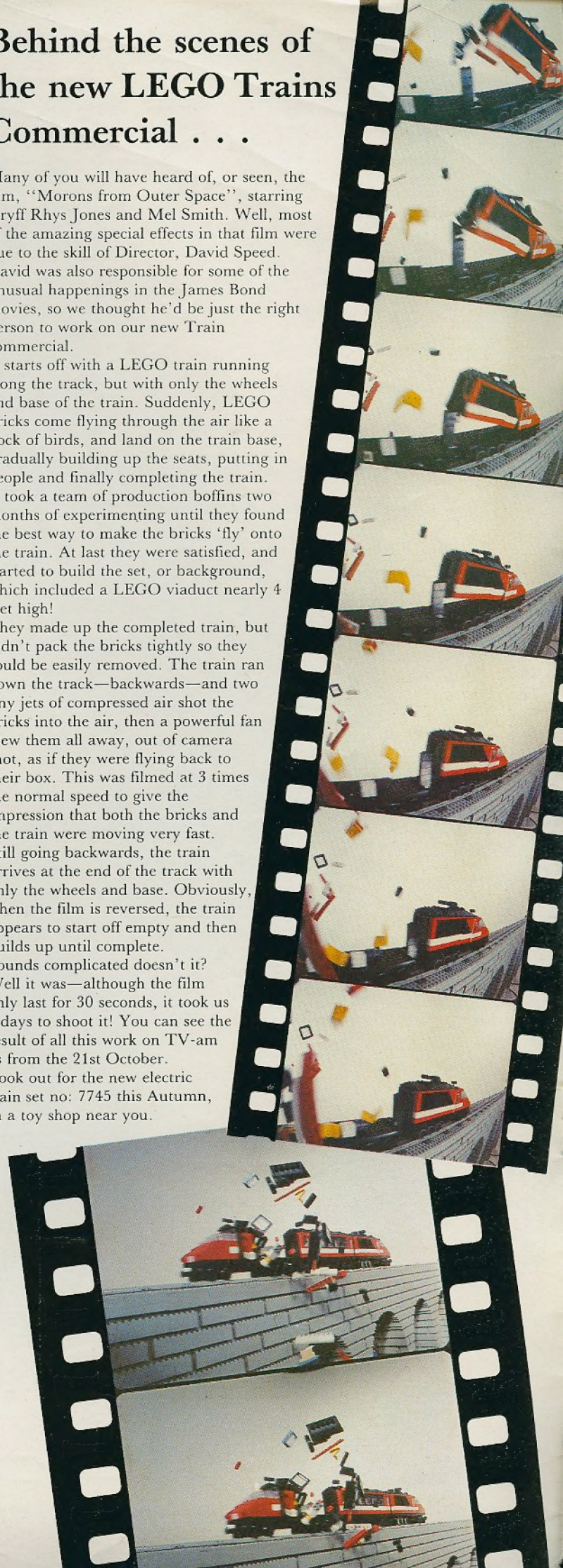
It took a team of production boffins two months of experimenting until they found the best way to make the bricks 'fly' onto the train. At last they were satisfied, and started to build the set, or background, which included a LEGO viaduct nearly 4 feet high!

They made up the completed train, but didn't pack the bricks tightly so they could be easily removed. The train ran down the track—backwards—and two tiny jets of compressed air shot the bricks into the air, then a powerful fan blew them all away, out of camera shot, as if they were flying back to their box. This was filmed at 3 times the normal speed to give the impression that both the bricks and the train were moving very fast. Still going backwards, the train arrives at the end of the track with only the wheels and base. Obviously, when the film is reversed, the train appears to start off empty and then builds up until complete.

Sounds complicated doesn't it?

Well it was—although the film only last for 30 seconds, it took us 5 days to shoot it! You can see the result of all this work on TV-am as from the 21st October.

Look out for the new electric train set no: 7745 this Autumn, in a toy shop near you.



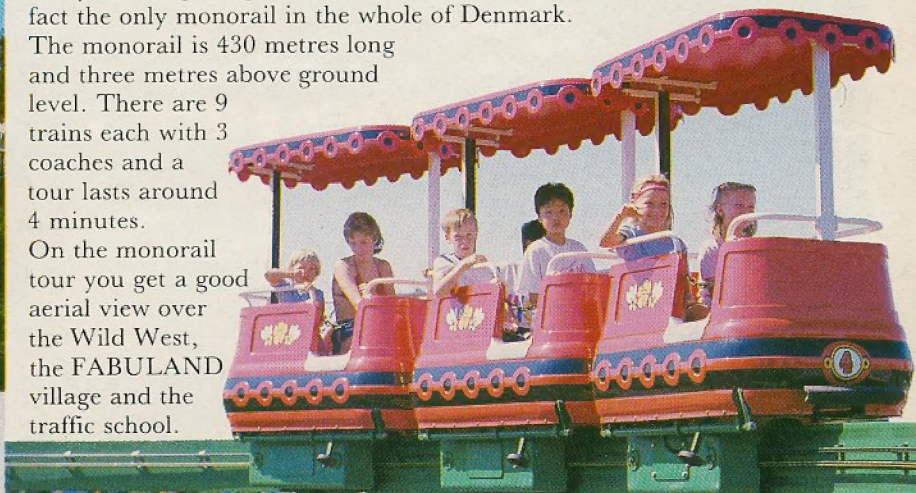


Legoland Monorail

Club members lucky enough to have visited the LEGOLAND Park this year will perhaps have tried the new Park monorail which is in fact the only monorail in the whole of Denmark.

The monorail is 430 metres long and three metres above ground level. There are 9 trains each with 3 coaches and a tour lasts around 4 minutes.

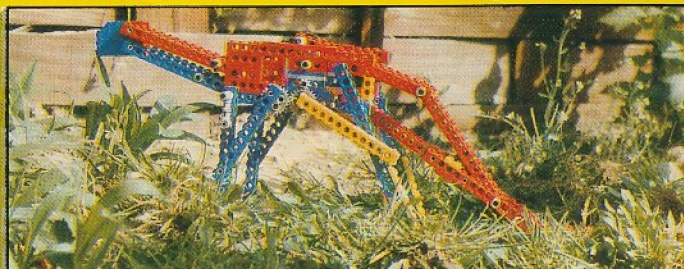
On the monorail tour you get a good aerial view over the Wild West, the FABULAND village and the traffic school.



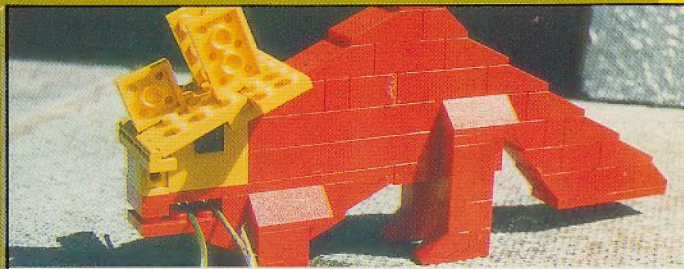
Duffy's Page Dinosaur Winners



Darren Linwood.....Southampton.....4½ yrs.



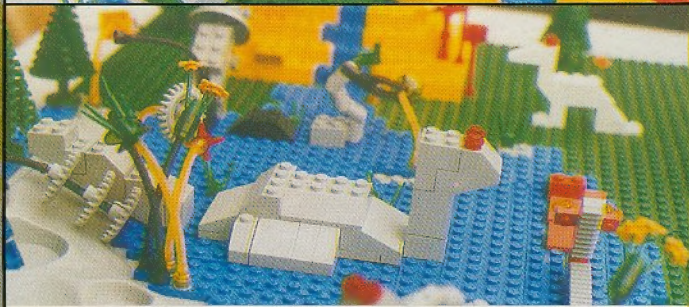
Kevin Backhouse.....Colchester.....8 yrs.



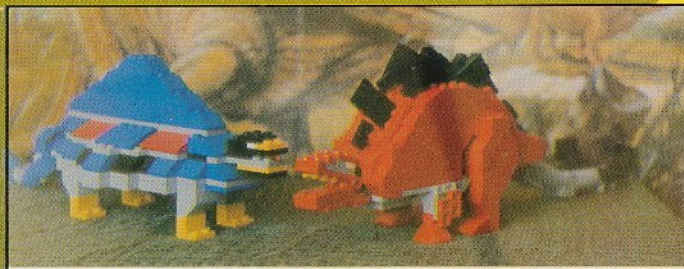
Alan Lewis.....Brixham.....9 yrs.



Raymond Hill.....c/o 1 Reg. RMP. Nth. Ireland.....10 yrs.



Edward Karney.....Wantage.....7 yrs.



Martin Holt.....Hitchin.....11 yrs.

Hello Chums...

It was great to see so many entries—233—Brilliant! When judging I enlisted the help of our resident boffin Dr. Alex Wright (Education Advisor and dinosaur fan). The general standard was so good we decided to award six prizes plus ten commended to receive Master Builders Awards. We particularly liked Edward's swamp scene which showed real imagination in the use of special parts—spot the car jack as a pterodactyl's head—great! His model was covered in good ideas (His sister entered a really nice one too!) Kevin's Technic Brontosaurus really works—walking

and moving its head and tail up and down—very well designed and thought out—good shape too. Alan's Triceratops showed real character—what a meany! For accuracy of modelling—Raymond's beastly duo. A lot of work went into Martin's display—it looks huge. I rather like Daren's chum—I wouldn't mind a friend like him.

This issue's Building Idea comes from a big model I made recently of a LEGO "Tourist" (see front cover). He turns at the waist, lifts his arm and—Flash—pretends to take a photo with one of his cameras. What sort of camera can you build?

Yours buildingly

John Duffield (LEGO Chief Model Designer)



Master Builders Awards go to

- Christopher Banham.....Euxton.....8 yrs.
- Nicholas Hall.....Finchley.....10 yrs.
- Timothy Johnon.....Chesterton.....10 yrs.
- Eleanor Karney.....Wantage.....6 yrs.
- Gregory Ott.....Petersfield.....10 yrs.
- Alastair Patrick.....Carrbridge.....7 yrs.
- Martin Pickering.....Carlisle.....5½ yrs.
- Austen Redman.....Edgworth.....13 yrs.
- Robin Stephens.....Farnham.....10 yrs.
- Matthew Sullivan.....Warwick.....11 yrs.

Building Idea

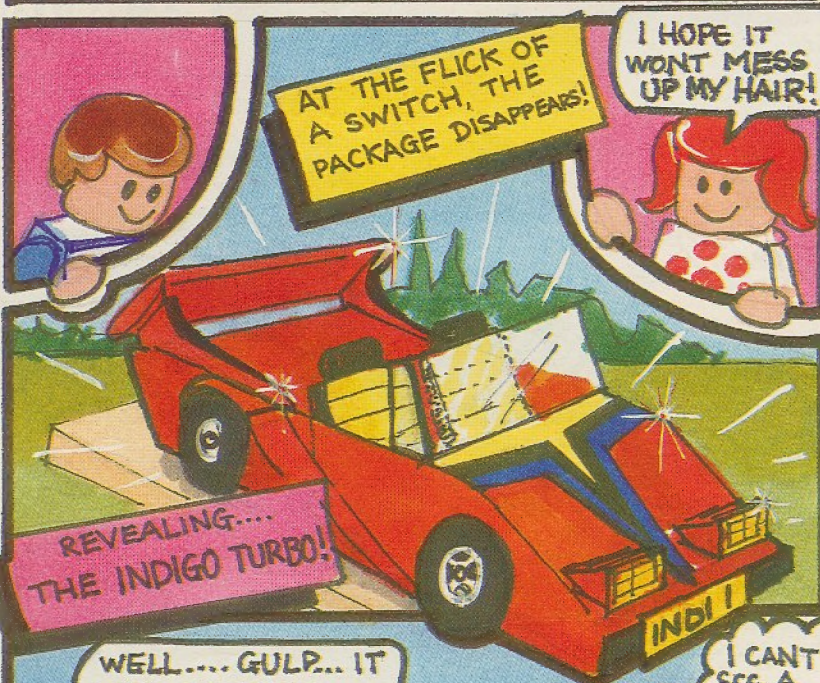
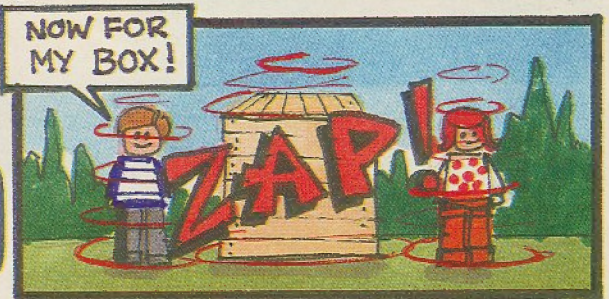
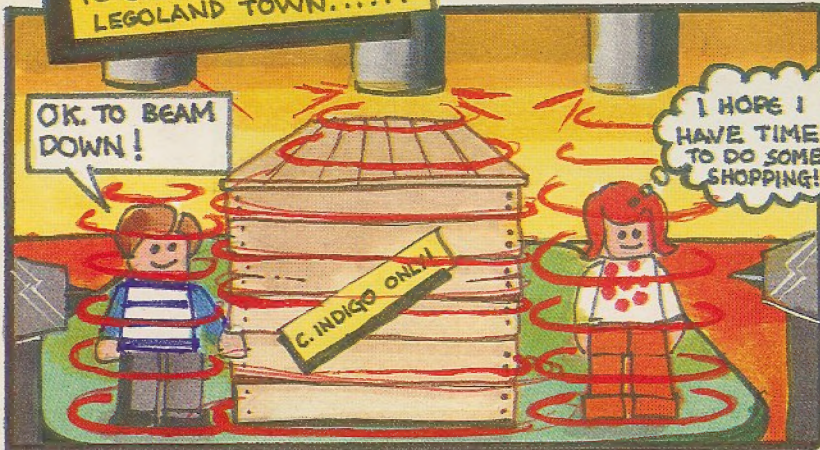


Captain Indigo

Special Mission!...

INDIGO, POLKA DOT AND A STRANGE BOX, PREPARE TO BEAM DOWN TO LEGOLAND TOWN.....

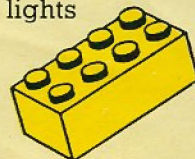
CAPTAIN INDIGO AND HIS TRUSTY ASSISTANT POLKA DOT, HAVE BEEN RECALLED FROM THEIR HOLIDAY ON PLANET OGEL TO TAKE ON AN URGENT MISSION!.....



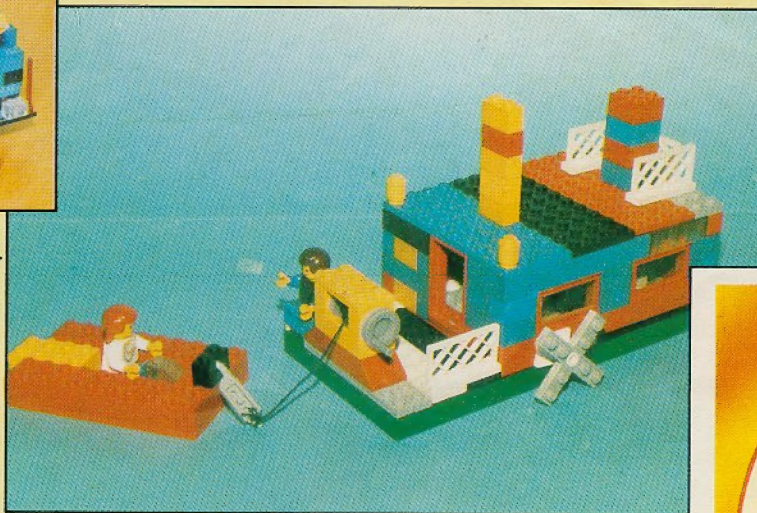


◀ **Jason Winkworth (10)**

sent us this picture of his favourite car which has a four cylinder engine, fan, and search lights which can be raised or lowered.

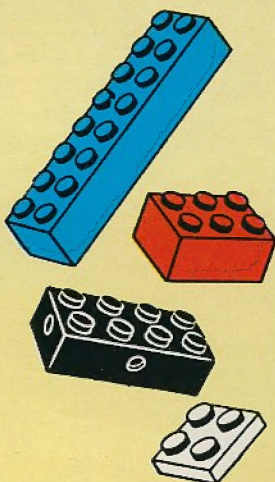


Ben Fardon (4) ▶
built this paddle steamer
and small boat.



◀ **Jayne Martis**

from Somerset first drew her model of a golfer
and then built it from her LEGO bricks.



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AWARDS-AU

A "Golden" Master Builder Badge goes to the winner whose model is shown here. If you have a photograph of your model, tell us why and how you built it, and you too can win a Golden Master Builder Badge.



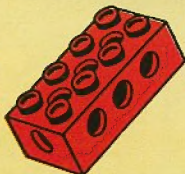
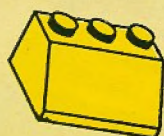
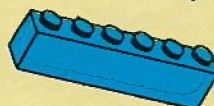
Stuart Crayford (7) ▶

thought of building something different and
came up with this idea of a gold bullion truck.



◀ **Jonathan Barber (9)**

sent us this picture of a Safari
Jeep built from LEGO bricks
and LEGO Technic which he
had for Christmas.



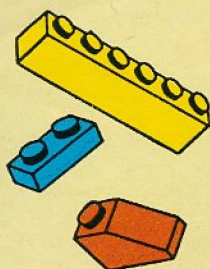
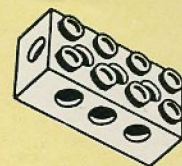
Emma Sampson ▶


from Richmond sent us a gardener with a daisy
which she built on the building tables at the
LEGOLAND Hotel in Denmark.

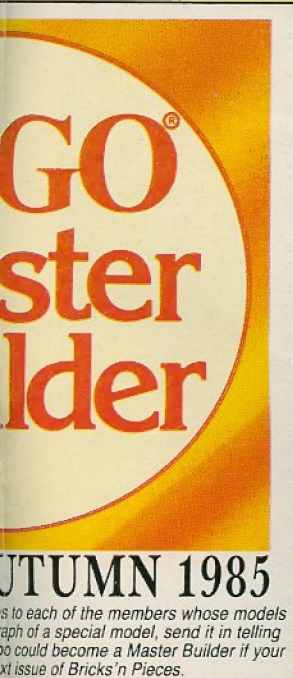




◀ **Michael Claridge (12)**
sent us this picture of a boy and girl after visiting
LEGOLAND Park with his sister.
He named it LOVE IS LEGO.



 **Richard Morgan (6)** ▶
built the characters from
the story The Hobbit.



◀ **Nicholas Brace (7)**
loves watching the BBC television series
Dogtanian and the Three Muskahounds and
built this model of Dogtanian and Pip.



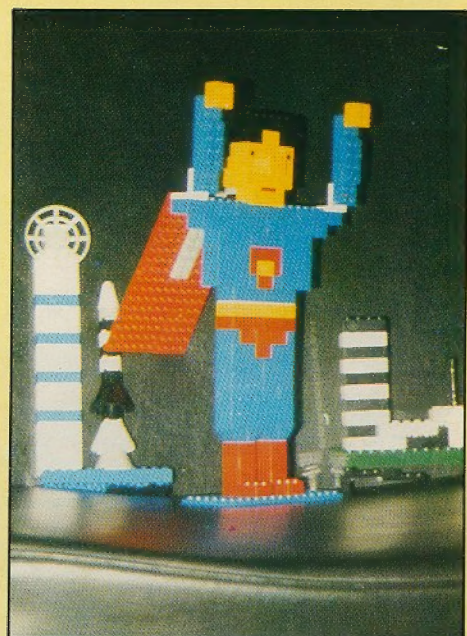
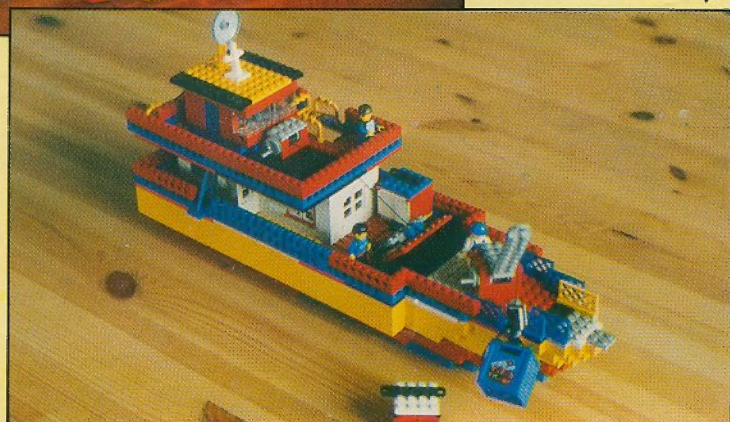
Andrew Blackwell (8) ▶
has combined his hobby of train spotting and
LEGO Railways by building a great western
tank locomotive.



◀ **Richard Bassett (10)**
built this LEGO boat after visiting a
lightship near Swansea. It has
captain and crew quarters, a kitchen
and a wheel-house. The light on the
top flashes and it also has lights
downstairs.



Daniel Prentis (8) ▶
lives on an island in
Orkney, which
depends on cargo
boats and so he has
sent us this picture
of a boat which has
a crane controlled
by a winch.



Christopher Bridgman (6) ▶
is always creating figures and buildings from his
LEGO collection and has sent us a photograph of
Superman.

CLUB TOURS TO LEGOLAND — 1986

For the last five years Specialised Tours have been organising tours to LEGOLAND for Club Members and their families. Nearly 4,000 people have now travelled on these tours, and dozens of letters of appreciation are received each year.

It started simply with a series of 4-day coach tours. "Great," you said, "but not long enough!" So, the next year 5 and 6-day coach tours were introduced, and these are still the most popular.

In 1985 two alternative ways of travelling to LEGOLAND were added to the programme. Firstly, for families looking for an even longer holiday in Denmark, independent Motoring Holidays were introduced, combining LEGOLAND and Copenhagen. Then came holidays by air, using the new service from Southend to Billund—the quickest way of all, as Billund Airport is right opposite LEGOLAND itself!

So now there is a complete range of holidays to LEGOLAND, and they are all featured in the new 12-page colour brochure, along with a few new variations for 1986.

It is the coach tours though that still offer the best value for money, as these are planned first and foremost for the LEGO Club.

Travelling with other Club Members provides the ideal opportunity for you to make new friends—knowing you've got at least one interest in common!

Mum and Dad get a real holiday too, as they can sit back and leave all the hassles of driving to an experienced coach-driver. A courier is also on hand to make sure everything runs smoothly, and help with any problems that might arise.

You travel in style on a fine modern touring coach, with features like air-suspension and reclining-seats to ensure a really comfortable ride. Not that you will spend a great deal of time on the coach though, as journey times are kept as short as possible. No sector of coach-travel is longer than two hours, and most are a lot less.

The journey to and from Denmark forms a very exciting part of these holidays, with a 19-hour cruise on one of the luxury fully-stabilised D.F.D.S. ships. There's plenty of entertainment on board including cinemas, disco, live-music and children's playroom. Delicious meals are served in the restaurant and cafeteria, and by night, you have a comfortable cabin, with its own shower and toilet.

The hotels used on these coach-tours far exceed most people's expectations. They are all top-quality hotels, specially chosen for their excellent facilities, such as an indoor swimming-pool—the perfect place for you to have fun with new-found friends!

Of course, the main objective of these tours is for you to enjoy all that LEGOLAND has to offer. Most people find that a whole day at LEGOLAND is just right to see and do everything comfortably. The 5 and 6-day tours give not only a whole day at LEGOLAND, but also the chance to see a little more of Denmark as well.

All in all it adds up to a wonderful holiday, with memories that will last a lifetime. What's more, it's an experience you'll probably want to repeat, judging by the number of people who come back for a second or third visit! Most departures are during the school holidays in late May, July and August. Some tours fill up very quickly so it is advisable to book early.

Coach-tour prices for 1986 start at £112 for an adult and £75 for a child on the 4-day tour, £150 for an adult and £100 for a child on the 5-day tour, and £190 for an adult and £125 for a child on the 6-day tour. These prices include all transport, admissions, hotel accommodation and all meals except for meals on board ship and lunch in LEGOLAND. These have been deliberately left out to give you the freedom to eat as and when you please.

For your copy of the 1986 brochure giving full details of all holidays to LEGOLAND telephone Mrs. Margaret Scowen on Copthorne (0342) 712785, or write to:—



LEGO SHIP BUILDER!

The LEGO Club recently met Mr. Roberts, a keen LEGO builder from Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough, who took up model building when he retired. He decided to build ships which are a special interest to him and he uses his very large collection of LEGO bricks, some of which are among those first introduced in the United Kingdom.

The building of these ships is a challenge to Mr. Roberts who likes to build them as accurately as possible. He does this by visiting harbours, ships, and museums.

The liner in the picture is the "OLYMPIC" built in 1911 for the White Star Line, its gross weight was 46,600 tons and the liner was in use until 1935. The OLYMPIC was in fact a sister ship to the ill-fated TITANIC. The model liner is 7ft 3ins long, used 10,694 bricks and took 120 hours to complete. The liner's name was made from a LEGO alphabet set which was available in the early 60's.

Once built he photographs the ships then pulls them apart to start another model.

All the bricks in Mr. Robert's collection are catalogued and he knows just where to find each piece. To keep his collection up to date he buys new sets, such as last years castle range, so that he has all the new bricks and colours as they become available.

I am sure you will agree that Mr. Roberts has earned his Master Builder Badge.



SPECIALISED TOURS,
Gorsebank House,
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Copthorne, Crawley,
Sussex. RH10 3PY
(Specialised Tours is a fully-
bonded ABTA tour operator).





Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. Tel. No. 051-355-5017 has over 50 historic canal and river craft set in 13 acres of restored dockland with indoor exhibitions, boat trips, cafe and shop facilities. Open 10 am to 5 pm 7 days a week. Offers a 20% reduction for all LEGO Club Members on production of their membership cards and look forward to meeting you.

Ironbridge, Telford, Sh (095245) 3522.

The Ironbridge Gorge is the 'Birthplace of the Iron Age'. It was in 1709 at the old Coalbrookdale, that Abraham Darby successfully smelted iron on a commercial basis. This first iron wheels, iron railway cylinders, cast-iron bridges, aqueducts, iron-framed

LEGO WORLD SHOW

Debenhams, Croydon

Here is your chance to go and see the 10 foot long dinosaur built by LEGO model builder Duffy earlier this year. Duffy's dinosaur is the centrepiece of the LEGO World Show which opens on 7th November in Croydon.

Over half a million bricks have been used to make up seven large tableaux depicting Life on Earth over the last 10 million years, from the dinosaur age to man's early tussles with the elements and wild beasts.

But it doesn't end there, for after the distant past there is a glimpse into the future with a giant LEGO space station slowly revolving on a distant planet.

The Life on Earth World Show at Debenhams in Croydon is an experience not to be missed. Admission Free. Open 7th November—11th January.

Arnotts, Dublin 15th November to 4th January

The LEGO World Circus show comes to town in Arnotts Department Store Dublin on 15th November.

Using 100,000 LEGO bricks Danish model makers have built seven models showing all the different acts we would expect to see in a Circus. There are acrobats, strongmen, dancing horses and of course



lots of LEGO Clowns.

As well as the impressive circus models the World Show has lots of displays showing the wide range of LEGO sets which are currently available. There is also a play area for some practical experimentation.

Do make the trip to see the LEGO Circus at Arnotts, entry is free and all the family are bound to be impressed. Open 15th November—4th January. Admission Free.

Other places open in winter which offer special rates for Club Members are:—

DUBLIN ZOO, KILVERSTONE WILDLIFE PARK, WINDSOR SAFARI PARK, POWERSCOURT GARDENS AND WATERFALL, BEAMISH OPEN AIR MUSEUM, COVENTRY TOY MUSEUM, AMBERLEY CHALK MUSEUM, BURY TRANSPORT MUSEUM, DOUNE MOTOR MUSEUM, NATIONAL TRAMWAY MUSEUM, EDINBURGH WAX MUSEUM, MUSEUM OF SCOTTISH TARTANS.

To keep up to date with the previous places mentioned in the earlier magazines, details can be obtained by enclosing a stamped addressed envelope or ring MERYL on (0978) 266949.

COMPETITION TIME

Here is your chance to win one of the great new train sets which are in the shops now. We want you to colour in this picture of a LEGOLAND railway crossing using paints, pens or pencils and to send it to us before 3rd January 1986.

- Don't forget to fill in your name, address and age.
- The paintings will be judged in two age groups.
- Up to 8 years—1st prize the new battery train set 7722 and the Railway Station set 7824.
- 9 years and over—1st prize New Electric High Speed Train 7745 and transformer 7864.
- There will be 10 runner-up prizes in each age group who will win the LEGOLAND Space Saturn Ranger (6952) worth around £19.00.

POWER GAME

LEGO Club Member, Kevin Preedy, from Mynyddisa C.P. School Mold in Clywd, is pictured here with his LEGO model which helped him and his school mates to get to the finals of the Granada Power Game.

The Granada Power Game is a competition for schools and colleges run every year in the Clywd area. The object of the competition was to make a machine which could travel along a plastic covered wire 6 metres long and 1 metre above the ground and drops some sand into a container half way along the wire. At one end the wire was attached firmly, while the other end was held by a 3kg weight over a pulley. The motor to move the machine had to be part of the model and you had two minutes in which to drop as much sand into the container as you could. Luckily Kevin, who is an avid LEGO TECHNIC collector and builder, was able to invent this machine powered by a LEGO TECHNIC battery motor using his personal LEGO TECHNICAL collection. The machine managed to carry enough sand to get the team through into the finals which were held in Chester recently. On the big day the machine managed to carry nearly 2kg of sand in the two minutes and the team finished 10th in the competition.

In the Summer edition we asked you to name the Space Mother Ship which was built by our Danish Model makers for the 1985 Toy Fair. This competition was very popular with many weird and wonderful names suggested for the Mother Ship. After much discussion the following winners were chosen.

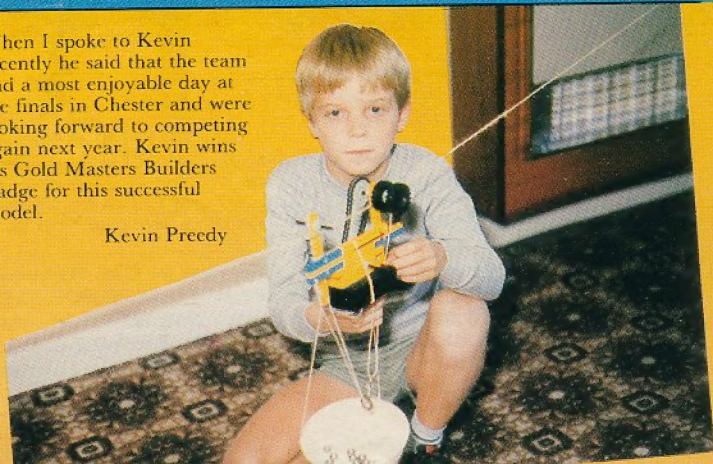
7 & Under 1st Prize LEE YOUNG, Lechlade, Glos.
Runners Up: Matthew Peck, Penarth, S. Glam. Gareth Lucas, Pontypridd, Mid. Glam. Jacob McClure, Torquay, Devon. Nathan Conroy, Hucknall, Nottingham. Andrew Rae, Kirtlebridge, Lockerbie. Michael Masterman, Stockton on Tees, Cleveland. J. Willemsen, Little Hulton, Worsley. Neal Wilkinson, Ripon, N. Yorks. Daniel Thompson, Exeter, Devon. Victoria Davies, Bentley, Ipswich.

8 & 9 years 1st Prize SIMON LONGMAN, Brightlingsea, Essex.
Runners Up: Mark John Rollason, Nuneaton, Warks. Peter Kent, Winterslow, Salisbury. Simon Kendrew, BFPO 45. Simon Jones, Chorley, Lancs. S. Holmes, Burgess Hill, W. Sussex. Jason Rhys-Jones, Fishguard, Dyfed. David Parish, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear. Andrew North, Hainault, Essex. Richard Burgess, Luton, Beds. Emma Sampson, Richmond, Surrey.

10 years & Over 1st Prize PAUL GENTRY, Brentwood, Essex.
Runners Up: Neil Rice, Moreton, Wirral. Anthony Singh, Selly Oak, Birmingham. Paul O'Connell, Cirencester. Robert Clarke, Peterborough, Cambridge. Lisa Robinson, West Wickham, Kent. Joanna Howell, Weston, Stafford. James Cornish, Gt. Wymondley, Herts. Robert Ross, Blackpool. Jonathan Holland, St. Austell, Cornwall. Paul Henshaw, Blackpool, Lancs.

When I spoke to Kevin recently he said that the team had a most enjoyable day at the finals in Chester and were looking forward to competing again next year. Kevin wins his Gold Masters Builders Badge for this successful model.

Kevin Preedy



CLUB SHOP

1902
TECHNIC Rally Cap 85p

1919
LEGO Club Stickers (1 sheet) 10p



1917
LEGO Club Space Patch 30p



1920
LEGO Club Badge 30p



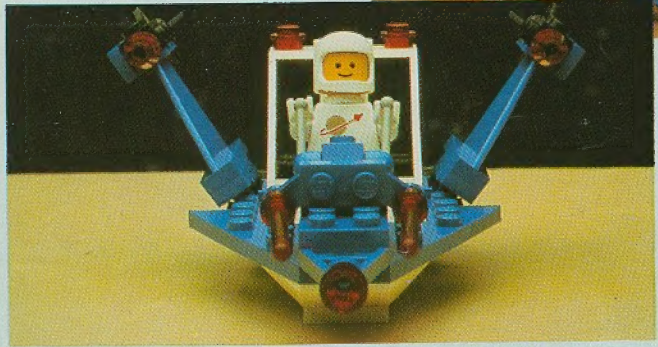
1931 LEGO Club Pen—A Sheaffer ball point pen—ink colour blue (not suitable for children under age 3) £1.50

1910 T-Shirt Age 6 Chest 56cm Length 45cm £3.00
1911 T-Shirt Age 8 Chest 60cm Length 48cm £3.00
1912 T-Shirt Age 10 Chest 64cm Length 55cm £3.00
1913 T-Shirt Age 12 Chest 70cm Length 59cm £3.00

Special Club Offer

As a special Christmas offer Club members can buy these super new sets which are from the 1986 range. The sets will be going into the shops a few days before Christmas. Club members can buy the sets now at these special prices. Remember to order early if the sets are required for Christmas.

1933 For Castle enthusiasts this new mediaeval tavern set "The Inn on the Wall". The set includes a section of Castle wall, the red and black tavern, a knight on horseback and a new mediaeval maiden. Typical shop price will be £11.95
Special Club Price £9.25



1932 For Space adventurers the new Scorpio 3 Explorer with wings which raise and lower for take off. Typical shop price will be £2.95
Special Club Price £1.95

JOKES

Q: Who was the first underwater spy?
A: James Pond!
Robert Hill

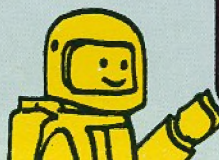
Q: Where do dogs go when they lose their tails?
A: To a retail shop!
Paul O'Brian

Q: What's green and hops about the garden?
A: Spring Cabbages!
Christina Day

Q: What does Flash Gordon have for school dinners?
A: Flashed Potatoes!
Daniel Roberts

Q: What is the difference between an African Elephant and an Indian Elephant?
A: About 3,000 miles!
Melanie Ralph

Q: Where would you find a pre-historic cow?
A: In a Moo-seum!
David Whittaker



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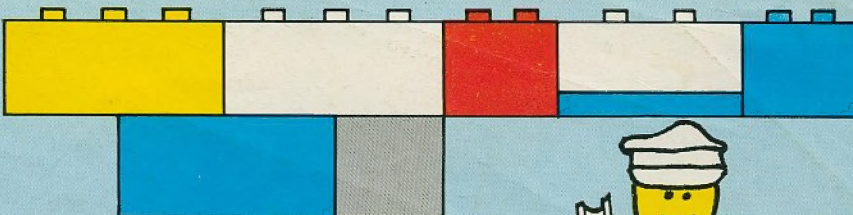
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adding some of the many railway supplementary packs. These include points, signals, extra rails, a level crossing, lighting sets, and a railway station.

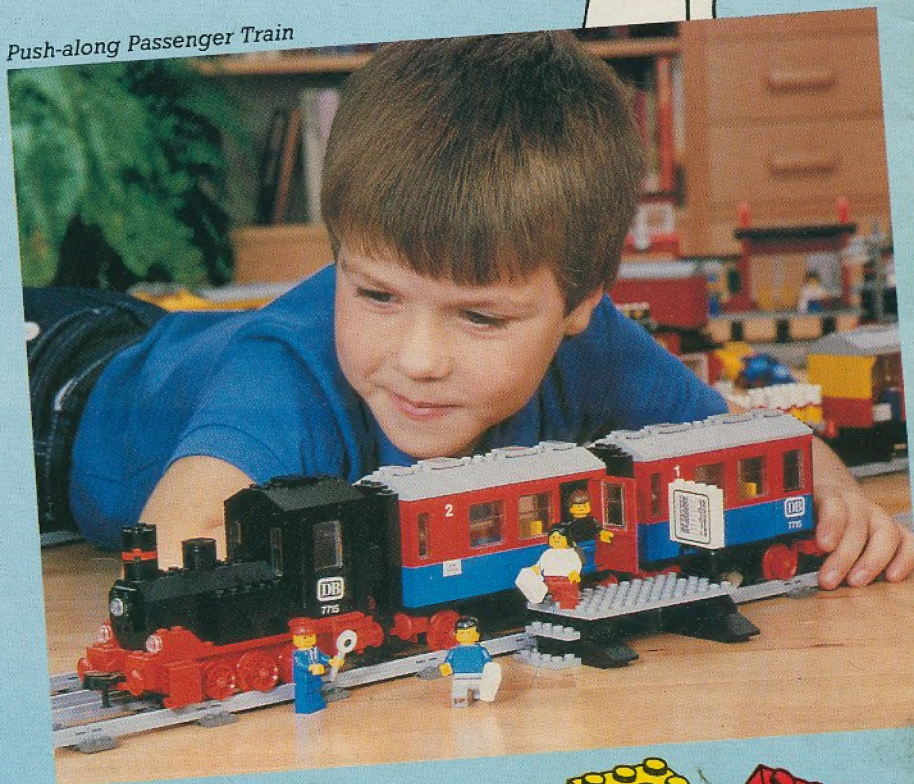
The new sets are available in the shops now in time for Christmas and prices range from around £19.00 for the Push Along around £30.00 for the Battery Train and around £58.00 for the new High Speed Train.

To power the 12 volt railway system the transformer will be available from LEGO Railway stockists who should have a good selection of the new sets and the accessory packs. For details of these LEGO main dealers please send a stamped addressed envelope to Shan at the LEGO CLUB.

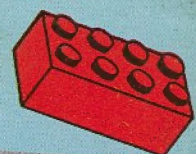
The only limit to your LEGO Railway layout is your own imagination.



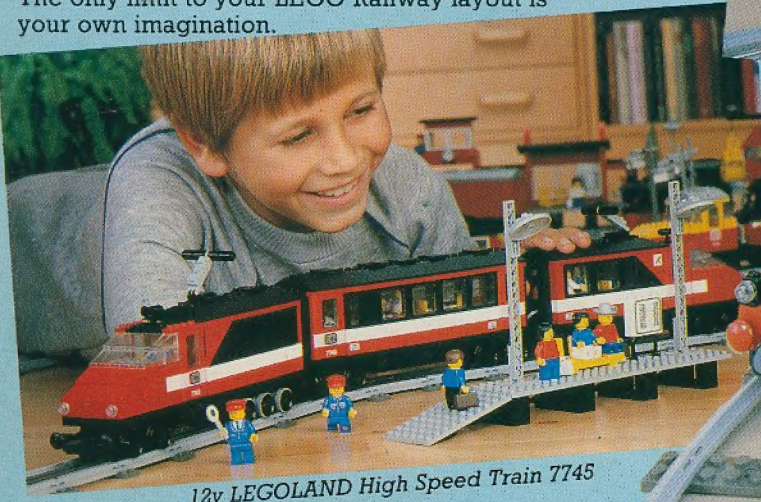
Push-along Passenger Train



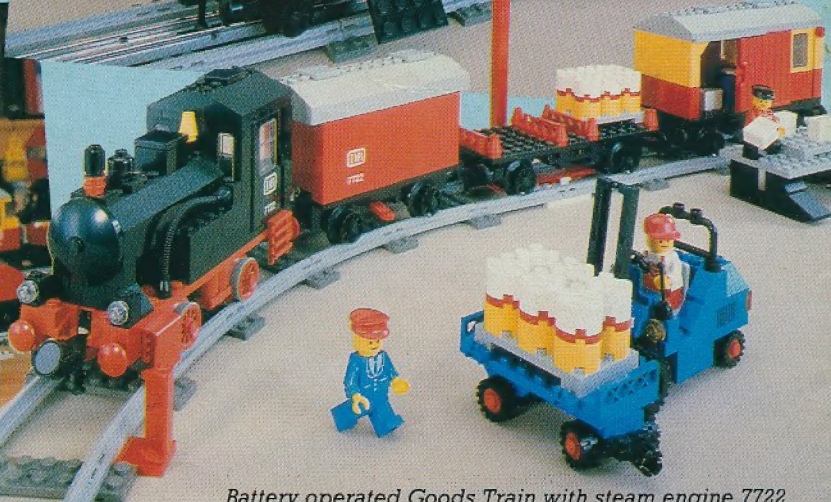
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